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SUBJECT: LOCAL PRESS AGAIN CRITICIZES SUMMER INSTITUTE OF
LINGUISTICS

REF: A) 76 BOGOTA 1932, B) 76 PARIS 2339

1. SUMMER INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS (SIL) HAS AGAIN RECEIVED UNFAVORABLE ATTENTION IN BOGOTA PRESS.
2. EL TIEMPO ARTICLE OF APRIL 15 BY JOSE FERNANDEZ (WHO MAY BE SAME FERNANDEZ WHO WROTE UNFAVORABLE ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED LAST YEAR IN FRENCH LEFT-WING WEEKLY MENTIONED REF B) CITES OPPOSITION BY THE DIRECTORS OF THE COLOMBIAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AND THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION TO THE SIGNING OF A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOC AND THE SIL, AND CLAIMS THAT THE SIL IS AN EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION RATHER THAN A SCIENTIFIC ENTITY AS STIPULATED IN THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1962. THE ARTICLE CALLS THIS AGREEMENT A THREAT TO COLOMBIAN SOVERIGNTY AND SECURITY SINCE IT ALLOWS SIL TO ESTABLISH A "FOREIGN ENCLAVE" WHICH OPERATES AIRPLANES, AIRFIELDS, AND POWERFUL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT LINKED DIRECTLY TO THE U.S. THE AUTHOR CONCLUDES BY CALLING FOR STRICTER GOC CONTROL OVER THE SIL, RATHER THAN FOR THE PERSECUTION OR EXPULSION OF THE GROUP.

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3. EL ESPECTADOR, IN A TWO-PAGE ARTICLE IN ITS APRIL 17 SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT-TO BE CONTINUED NEXT SUNDAY, CALLS THE SIL A FRONT FOR THE WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS (WBT) AND COMPARES IT WITH THE SPANISH CONQUISTADORES IN ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY THE IDENTITY AND PHILOSOPHY OF INDIGENOUS CULTURES. THE ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT THE WBT HAS ASSISTED

IN REMOVING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FROM LANDS SOUGHT BY
INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER CORPORATIONS, AND REPEATS THE
EL TIEMPO ARTICLE'S CHARGES OF VIOLATIONS OF COLOMBIAN
LAW, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND SOVERIGNTY.

4. COMMENT: LOCAL SIL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE TOLD THE
EMBASSY THAT THEY CONSIDER THESE NEW PRESS CRITICISMS
TO BE LEFTIST REACTIONS TO THE IMMINENT SIGNING OF THE
NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE GOC. AN SIL RESPONSE TO THE ARTICLES
IS BEING PREPARED, BUT SIL OFFICIALS HERE DO NOT SEEM
ALARMED AND EXPECT THE GOC TO SIGN THE NEW ACCORD.
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